November 3, 2005

U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIPS
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Tentative Selection of Eric L. Frank and Richard E. Fehling

In August 2005, a merit selection committee was appointed by the Judicial Council of the Third Circuit to recommend candidates for the vacant United States bankruptcy judgeship in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania seated in Philadelphia and an anticipated vacancy in Reading. Following the appointment of the committee, a public notice of the position vacancies was widely circulated, applications were received, and interviews of applicants were conducted. Following its deliberations, the committee submitted a report and recommendations to the Judicial Council for the Third Circuit.

After considering the recommendations of the selection committee, the Judicial Council proceeded to conduct interviews with the leading candidates and then forwarded its recommendations for the bankruptcy judgeship vacancy to the appointing authority, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Having considered the Judicial Council's recommendations, the United States Court of Appeals has found Eric L. Frank of DiDonato & Winterhalter in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Richard E. Fehling of Stevens & Lee in Reading, Pennsylvania to be the most qualified and are, at present, considering their appointments to the bankruptcy judgeships in Philadelphia and Reading, respectively. This notice is intended to solicit written comments concerning the qualifications of Mr. Frank and Mr. Fehling for these positions. Such comments will be accepted until **Friday, December 2, 2005** and should be addressed to:

Circuit Executive
22409 U.S. Courthouse
601 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106-1721

Attention: Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Search Committee